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To Whom it May Concern:

My name is LoriAnn Lehmann and I am president of the Animal Rights Club at Saint Francis Prep in New York. We recently read a disturbing article about the egg industry. It seems that thousands of hens are the victims of forced molting. Forced molting is the process of starving hens to have them produce more eggs. The prolonged deprivation of food to causes their immune systems to go down. The hens are then susceptible to salmonella poisoning and certain other bacteria.

Although forced molting is a cruel practice, there are no laws in this country to protect hens. This practice was outlawed in Great Britain in 1987. We feel that it is this country's duty to protect hens, no different from any other animals except that they feed us, from forced molting. Members of my group have written letters urging you to do all you can regarding this matter. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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